

United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Clarence Houze /

Defendant

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case Number: 07-30164

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. §3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I – Findings of Fact

☐ (1) I find that:

- ☐ there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ☐ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841 or 846;
- ☐ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

☐ (2) I further find that the defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings

☒ I find that the government has established by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.

☐ I find that the government has established by clear and convincing evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II – Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

☒ I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing established the following factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g):

- ☒ (a) nature of the offense - Bank robbery, aiding and abetting.
- ☒ (b) weight of the evidence - Evidence of defendant's participation as driver of escape vehicle is strong. Evidence of intent is less strong.
- ☒ (c) history and characteristics of the defendant -
 - ☒ 1) physical and mental condition - 62 years old, history of drug abuse and depression.
 - ☒ 2) employment, financial, family ties - Unemployed (disability pension); some family ties; no significant assets.
 - ☒ 3) criminal history and record of appearance - Three felony convictions: Armed robbery, burglary and assault with dangerous weapon. One drug misdemeanor conviction. Two outstanding warrants, one for failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge earlier this month.
- ☐ (d) probation, parole or bond at time of the alleged offense -
- ☐ (e) danger to another person or community -

Defendant faces up to 20 years imprisonment upon conviction. He has a record of assaultive offenses and a warrant for failure to appear. He has some family ties and long term residence in this district, but he has no job or assets to keep him here. I have some reservation about his ability to provide for himself. Pretrial Services recommends detention. I consider the defendant a risk of non appearance.

Part III – Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date: August 15, 2007

s/Donald A. Scheer

Signature of Judge

Donald A. Scheer, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judge